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WEEKEND

Words from the top

CMSAF Murray visits Kadena, talks AF issues

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake 18th Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force is going through tough fiscal times, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray said during a visit to Kadena last week, but Airmen are superbly accomplishing the mission.

With the continuing war on terrorism and the need to modernize aircraft, Chief Murray said everyone – from the Air Force Chief of Staff down to section chiefs – will have to make some difficult decisions regarding this year's budget.

"We've had to make some cuts that haven't been made in more than a decade," Chief Murray said regarding Air Force spending reductions. "The challenge that our commanders are going to have is making a priority list of what they need to fund."

Chief Murray said if the fiscal situation worsens, there is a possibility that the new battle dress uniform, scheduled to debut next year, would be delayed. The Air Force's new fitness uniform, however, would remain unaffected.

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Air Force/Airman 1st Class Jeremy McGuffir

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray greets Makiko Miyara, 18th Wing protocol, and (right to left) Senior Airman Danielle Long, Staff Sgt. Johnny Branche, Staff Sgt. Lana Rakes, and Master Sgt. Ivany Ortiz during a visit to 18th Wing Head-quarters March 30. The Air Force's top enlisted member visited Kadena for two days to recognize Kadena Airmen, listen to their concerns, and provide insight to Air Force-wide issues and priorities.

SNCO awarded Airman's Medal

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn 18th Wing Public Affairs

"They're drowning, they're drowning," screamed a woman running up the beach towards Randolph Hodges, Jr., and his 10-year-old son R.J., who had planned on doing some afternoon fishing on Tyndall Air Force Base, Fl. May 10, 2003. Without hesitation, Hodges sprinted out into the turbulent ocean risking his own life to save another's.

Hodges, a master sergeant from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said he recalls the day as being windy with very rough seas and three to four foot waves.

Off shore about 50 feet away were two young men struggling to keep afloat.

"It feels like it took 10 minutes to reach the first guy," Sergeant Hodges recalled. "He was so out of it, and with the ocean being so rough the

only thing I could do was grab him underneath his armpits to keep him up."

After making sure the second man was allright, Sergeant Hodges began to swim for shore with the first victim. He soon recognized that the tide wasn't taking him any closer to the beach. "When I realized that I wasn't getting anywhere, I started swimming parallel to the beach," he said. "And even doing that, we still weren't getting any closer."

While Sergeant Hodges was swimming for shore, the first victim was still panicking. "The guy was struggling so badly, that at one point he was pulling me under. I had to push him away before I got too tired and wouldn't be able to save him, or myself," he said. "I was able to calm him down by telling him to relax, that everything was going to be fine."

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Kadena holds readiness fair

By Capt. Carlos Diaz 18th Wing Public Affairs

Questions flowed by the hundreds from Air Force families during Kadena's first ever Family Readiness Fair at the Schilling Community Center April 1.

Do I need a power of attorney? Can I apply to educational programs while my spouse is gone? What am I supposed to do if my car breaks down while my spouse is deployed?

Over 300 Airmen and family members received answers to such concerns from base agencies that manned more than 20 information stations. The stations—tables laden with books and handouts—were aimed at preparing Kadena families for the challenges of the 120-day Air Expeditionary Force 5 deployment beginning in May.

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The Spiritual Dimension

Chaplain reflects on Pope's life, suggests ways to keep soul 'fit to fight'

By Chap. (Col.) James Cutter 18th Wing Chaplain

This week, the world lost a great leader. Pope John Paul II lived his life with a solid faith in his God in whom he had learned to trust, even when life brought illness and excruciating pain. In his 26 years as the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II lived a life of integrity which was charismatic and magnetic, drawing us to a higher level by demonstrating such a level was within our grasp.

This week, as I have reflected on his life and death, I have found myself asking how I can have a stronger faith, one which will sustain me even when life brings challenges, pain and suffering. A faith which will lead to genuine meaning, fulfillment and purpose

Like me, do you sometimes long for a stronger faith - one that would help you live a more adventurous, fulfilling life? Do you sense that God wants more for you, but don't know how to go about discovering it? Let me offer a couple of suggestions.

Just as your body must be 'fit to

Just as your body must be 'fit to fight,' so should your soul be 'fit to fight' through the exercise of your faith. It can be scary to take leaps of faith as you face an unknown future. But there's really no safer place to jump than into the arms of the God who loves you.

fight,' so should your soul be 'fit to fight' through the exercise of your faith. It can be scary to take leaps of faith as you face an unknown future. But there's really no safer place to jump than into the arms of the God who loves you. Here's how you can learn to take leaps of faith:

- Don't settle for a marginal existence. Decide that you want what God wants for you.
- Read the Holy Scriptures and live accordingly.
- Trade the "good life" for real life. Realize that the best the world has to offer can only bring you temporary satisfaction.
- Approach every situation expecting God to show up-sometimes in unexpected ways.

• Leave the right kind of legacy. Realize that the only thing that has lasting value is how well you loved God and other people. Take the time to invest in others-pass on encouragement whenever you get the chance. Make reading, studying and meditating a top priority.

If all of this seems like a very daunting and overwhelming task then listen to these encouraging words from Pope John Paul II: "Do not be afraid... Let His power of truth and love enliven every aspect of your existence.'

Do not be afraid, take leaps of faith, jump into the arms of Godgreat words of encouragement by which we can all experience a more fulfilling and meaningful life.

and drive

A 19-year-old airman 1st class from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron was convicted recently of driving while intoxicated Jan. 14 with a breathalcohol content of .085 percent. He was demoted to airman, received a suspended fine of \$1,384, given 30 days restriction and a reprimand.

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ACTION LINES



Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas 18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Housing issue

The issue at hand deals with the fact that housing will not bump us on the waiting list to move into a larger residence after we discovered that we are expecting twins. My wife and I reside in a two bedroom multiplex on Kadena with our oneyear-old son. We found out we were expecting twins in December while it went undetected for two months by other ultrasounds. The housing office will not grant an exception to policy letter now, but after the twins are born. We would have been on the waiting list a lot sooner if the discovery of twins was found sooner. Now we are almost last on the waiting list and my wife only has a few months before the babies arrive. What I want to know is if this is normal protocol in this circumstance because the AFI doesn't cover an additional entitlement in the case of a multiple dependent gain? If we were expecting triplets or more, would we still be forced to reside in a two bedroom, with four or more children, before being allowed to move for some odd weeks, or even longer? There is a lot stress dealing with a multiple birth, and this housing issue seems to increase

the stress level because we just don't believe we have enough room to accommodate our dependents.

Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your hotline, and congratulations on the birth of your twins! Regarding policy, our housing office follows specific guidelines set out by the Air Force. With over 8,000 housing units on Okinawa we need to be fair and consistent. Family housing occupants gaining an additional entitlement, such as an increase in the number of dependents, aging of children, or promotion to a higher grade category within 12 months, may apply for housing commensurate with the new entitlement before the effective date of the event. Housing occupants are then placed on the waiting list for the new entitlement; however, they will be by-passed until the event occurs or the waiting list of eligible applicants is exhausted. The correct procedure was followed in your case, and I'm glad you were offered a three-bedroom house, which is the appropriate number of bedrooms for your new family size. Again, congratulations to you and your new larger family, and thanks for addressing this important issue.

SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Dennis Walker

390th Intelligence Squadron data system maintenance technician

Hometown: Newberry, Mich.

Reason for nomination: Airman Walker's technical skills and dedication to the mission provides a tailored intelligence to warfighters, combat commanders and national decision makers.

Time at Kadena: 1 year, 9 months

Editor's note : Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- It is estimated that one out of every two Americans will be involved in an alcohol related accident in their lifetime. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 634-2233.

ENERGYCONSERVATION TP: As we enter into the spring season, air conditioners will be turned on in homes and offices. Cleaning air filters, keeping reasonable thermostat settings, and increasing the thermostat temperature one degree can significantly reduce the base electricity

POOL TIP: The maximum size authorized for wading pools in base housing is 6 feet by 12 inches deep. Children must be supervised at all times when playing in a wading pool. When the pool is not in use, it must be emptied and stored.

GREASE AUDITIONS: The Pacific Okinawa Players will hold auditions for Grease from 7 to 9 p.m. today and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Foster Community Center's Performing Arts Auditorium. Auditions are open to all SOFA status personnel ages 16 and up. Visit http:www.pops-okinawa.org or e-mail pops_pres@hotmail.com for more details.

ADOPTION PICNIC: The Okinawa Adoption Group invites all families who are in the process of adopting, those who have successfully adopted, or those interested in learning more about adoption to a potluck picnic at 4 p.m. Saturday at Kenney Park. Contact Morena Hockley at 935-3522 for more information.

CHILDABUSEPREVENTION MONTH: To recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child, the Kadena Integrated Delivery System sponsors the following events:

✓ Visit the base exchange from 10 a.m. to $2\ \mathrm{p.m.}$ Saturday for cake, giveaways and information on Family Advocacy, the Family Support Center, the Joint Services Help Line, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, and more.

✓ Join any Protestant or Catholic chapel service on "Blue Sunday" April 24 for a special prayer for child abuse victims and advocates.

✓ Pick up a blue ribbon at any of the events or at various locations on base throughout the month.

SPOUSES COMPUTER CLASS: The Family Support Center will hold an Air Force spouses basic computer class Monday through $April\ 28$. The class will be held at the 18th Services computer lab, Bldg. 435, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For sign-up and information, call 634-3366.

KADENATAX CENTER: The Tax Center, Bldg. 1460, will provide tax services on a walk-in basis only Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until April 15. Starting April 16, the center will be closed on Saturdays. Call 634-7784/7418.

SUICIDEPREVENTIONBRIEFINGS: The 18th Medical Goup Life Skills Support Center will conduct a suicide and violence awareness prevention briefing Wednesday at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Kadena base theater. Briefings are held the second Wednesday of every month.

LIGHTERS PROHIBITED IN AIRPORTS: Beginning Thursday, lighters will be treated as any other prohibited item and passengers will need to surrender them to the passenger service agent when traveling. Lighters are still considered hazardous materials and are not allowed in checked baggage or in hand carried bags. Passengers are allowed up to four books of matches beyond the checkpoint.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP: The U.S. Naval Hospital will host a monthly diabetic support group meeting Thursday at 5 p.m. in classroom 1 on the second floor. Call the nutrition clinic at 643-7502 for more information.

TELEPHONE SYSTEMS FLIGHT CLOSURE: Kadena's Telephone Customer Service and Communications Cable Digging Permit offices located in bldgs. 400 and 3136 will be minimally manned April 15 starting at 11 a.m. Customers wishing to pay their bill may continue to do so at Bldg. 721-C, Accounting and Finance. Call 634-1005 for more information.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS 5K: Join the Special Olympics 5K Fun Run/Walk April 16 at 9 a.m. at the Risner Fitness Center to raise money for the Kadena Special Olympics in June. Register for \$10 at the gym at 8 a.m.

BX LIMITED PARKING: The Base Exchange parking lot will have limited parking on the Commissary side due to construction Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through April 19 . The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron will be upgrading the current drainage system.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS: Legal readiness briefings will be conducted at the Kadena Legal Office, Bldg, 15, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fridays, Visit the legal readiness Web site at https://Irp.hickam.af.mil and create a user account prior to attending the briefing.

EDUCATION CENTER PHONE CHANGES: The Base Training Education Services have changed their phone system menu at 634-1500. Option one--base education and training office; two--University of Maryland University College; three--Central Texas College: four--Troy State University: five--Oklahoma: six--University of Phoenix. When the phone continues to ring when calling, all lines are busy.

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SHOGUN

Turning the wrenches



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Senior Airman Jhon Arango, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, repairs a heads up display at the squadron's new office that opened after a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 31st. The new \$11 million project funded by the government of Japan's Facilities Improvement Program shares 57,000 square feet between the 18th CMS, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron and the Support Center Pacific assigned to the Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah.

Kadena crews help demo team down under

By Staff Sgt. Robert Zoellner 33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LARA, Australia — The F-15 West Coast Demonstration Team crew chiefs had help from some fellow aircraft maintainers to make the 2005 Australian International Air Show performance a success.

The demonstration team, which is assigned to the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., borrowed both F-15 aircraft and maintainers from Kadena's 18th Wing for the show March 14-20.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Cody, demonstration team crew chief, sensed the Kadena maintenance crew members were eager to help with the performance.

"The crew chiefs were great," Sergeant Cody said.

"The crew chiefs were great," Sergeant Cody said. "They were in there helping me out and they did a good job. I wish we could do this all the time."

Sergeant Cody added that it's especially helpful for the team to have Airmen familiar with a specific jet, especially when the jet breaks and could possibly miss a performance. But during this show, the maintenance crews kept the jets up and running.

"They [the maintenance crew] did an excellent job out here," said Master Sgt. William Ransen, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron F-15 production superintendent, "keeping her [an F-15] going, getting her up every day and letting the people see a good show."

The jets held up well after every flight, too, Sergeant Ransen said. He was proud to see his aircraft being used for the performance.

"It's a big crowd-pleaser," he said. "It puts a smile on my face, definitely."

And, surprisingly enough, most people who put their sweat and blood into keeping the Eagles flying have never seen an F-15 demonstration, such as Staff Sgt. Melvin Agno, an 18th AMXS F-15 jet engine mechanic.

"This is the first one [demonstration] I've ever seen," Sergeant Agno said. "I think everybody should experience it."

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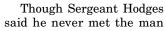
Hodges

Sergeant Hodges said that his greatest fear during the incident was drowning in front of his son. "My son was watching the whole thing," he said.

The two men had been in the water for more than 20 minutes and were no nearer to the beach. "We were probably 75 feet out by that time because the riptide kept pulling us further away from the

beach," said Sergeant Hodges. "I was more exhausted than I've ever been."

Meanwhile, Sergeant Hodges' son and the woman who cried for help found two men nearby who were willing to assist. Sergeant Hodges said even though the waves were really bad, the two men swam out with inner tubes to get them and in the end the whole ordeal lasted more than 30 minutes.



he saved, he had no second thoughts. "I would do it again in an instant," he said. "Looking up and seeing everyone safe on the shore without any major complications, made it totally worth it."

It was for Sergeant Hodges' heroism that afternoon that Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, presented him with the Airman's Medal March 31.

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray also attended the ceremony as well as Sergeant Hodges' wife and three children.

"It was great," Sergeant Hodges said. "but what was better than receiving the medal—was what I received it for."

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"We have obligated the money already for the fitness uniforms, but we have not obligated funds for the new BDUs," he said. "We currently plan to execute the [BDU] contract this year." From a budgeting standpoint, I think everything is on the table for consideration. It's a matter of how we set priorities."

One priority Air Force leaders already made was cutting 23,000 Airmen from active

duty to meet the Air Force's Congressional mandate end strength of 359,600 Airmen.

"We had to cut recruiting this year by 50 percent to guarantee that we didn't cut out any quality Airmen," Chief Murray explained.

The chief said some active-duty Airmen were also offered early out initiatives, Air National Guard and Reserve transi-

tion positions, and opportunities to crossflow to the Army under the Air Force's Blue to Green program.

"Great Airmen will make great Soldiers, and this has helped us shape the force a little bit," he said.

Though active-duty manpower is down to its mandated level, the chief said the worldwide operations tempo continues at a high pace in response to the war on terrorism and humanitarian missions.

"Not only has this meant time away from families and homes, but it also has increased workloads for those left behind," said the chief. "Kadena Airmen have met these demands head on and continue to perform magnificently in any situation they face. The challenges will continue and we all have to remain ready...and that means combat ready."

To relieve operational stress and bolster Airmen morale, plans are in the works to upgrade and expand family housing, dormitories and fitness centers as quality of life improvements, said the chief.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray talks with students at Kadena's First Term Airman Center March 31.

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"Our top priorities are to take care of our people and our mission," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander. "This AEF deployment



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair Eva Emiliono and Liria, 18-months-old, fills out a deployment form during the Family Readiness Fair April 1.

gives us an opportunity to demonstrate our readiness to do both. We will take care of our Air Force Families — we will be there for them."

Participating agencies ranged from the wing's Family Support Center and education office to the Red Cross and United Services Organization. Programs, like Operation Read and Rest, Car Care Because We Care, morale calls and video-teleconferencing calls were highlighted.

Operation Read and Rest is designed to help children cope with their parent's deployment. The Family Support Center provides a book to the deploying parent and video tapes them reading a story. The video tape of the parent is given to the child upon the parent's deployment.

"I'm the one that usually deploys," said Senior Airman Jomaine Saldana, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, "but this time Kaszya is the one deploying." His spouse, Senior Airman Kaszya Saldana, is also assigned to the 18th LRS. "This fair was great for those who have to stay."

Another program that receives rave reviews is Car Care Because We Care. Free oil change service and a safety and road inspection are provided to spouses of service members deployed for more than 30 days.

The Family Support Center also provides 15-minute morale calls and video-teleconferencing calls to the families of deployed service members.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclai

Kelly Boyer and Ethan, 15-month-old son of Master Sgt. Todd Boyer, 18th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant, gets a look at Sparky the Dog and Smokey the Bear during the Family Deployment Fair April 1. More than 300 Kadena spouses and families attended the informational fair to better prepare for the upcoming air expeditionary force deployment.

"It's nice to know that we're going to be taken care of," said Kacie Metzger, wife of A1C Matthew Metzger, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter.

"So far we have great feedback from participants," said Capt. Samantha Blanchard, Family Support Services director and fair organizer. "We were able to provide a one-stop shop where we showcased the safety net that's available to our team," she said.

For more information about deployed programs and services available to all of Team Kadena call the Family Support Center at 634-3366.

Report recommends family-friendly initiatives

By Gerry J. Gilmore American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A military women's advisory panel recommends that the armed forces discontinue the practice of simultaneously deploying both military parents of minor children.

That is among several proposed changes the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Armed Services cited in its 2004 report.

"Our recommendations are intended to improve the military lives of servicemembers and their families and to ensure that they believe their sacrifice is worthwhile and appreciated," committee officials said. Recommendations in the report include:

- Developing sabbatical programs and allowing military families the option of remaining at assigned installations during critical family events.
- Evaluating how military training affects single parents and encouraging military leaders to support family-readiness programs.
- Implementing a new definition of sexual assault into the Uniform Code of Military Justice for consistent use by trainers, information collectors, and military law enforcement agencies.
- Ensuring that the official definition of what constitutes sexual assault within the military establishes a clear legal standard that is distinct from other sex-related offenses.

The committee also recommended that the military assess the effectiveness of Web-based family support programs such as Military One Source.

The committee did not specifically address recruitment issues but said retention, deployment and sexual assault concerns could affect recruitment.

Committee members visited 14 military bases where they conducted 70 focus groups consisting of servicemembers and spouses.

The 13-person committee, chaired by retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Carol Mutter, advises senior DOD leaders on issues and policies related to the recruitment, retention, treatment, employment, integration and well-being of women in the armed forces.

JASDF staff thanks Wing

Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Japan Air Self Defense Force Maj. Gen. Takiwaki Hiroyuki, at 18th Wing Headquarters March 31. For nearly five months JASDF alert aircraft temporarily operated at Kadena due to construction at Naha Airport. The 83rd Air Wing plans to use Kadena's runways once again in September during another construction project at the airport.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

Dominguez new acting secretary of the Air Force

WASHINGTON — With the resignation of Peter B. Teets, former acting secretary of the Air Force, Michael L. Dominguez is the new acting secretary.

Mr. Dominguez also serves as the assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He entered government service in 1983 as a program analyst on the staff in the defense secretary's program analysis and evaluation office. He entered the Senior Executive Service in 1991.

After graduating in 1975 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., he was commissioned an Army second lieutenant. He left the military in OT AN OPINION? CALL US AT 634-5665 TO GET IT IN PRINT





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Capt. Brian Gyovai, 67th Fighter Squadron pilot, shows second graders from Kinser Elementary School the inside of an F-15 Eagle during a class visit to the squadron April 1. More than 75 students from the school had the opportunity to look inside the jet and learn how pilots, maintainers and life support technicians work together to accomplish their mission.



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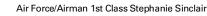
(Clockwise from above)

TAKING NOTES: Airman 1st Class Beth Moyer, 67th Fighter Squadron, helps Justin Baker and Tyler Williams take notes on their experience of using night vision goggles.

GEARED UP: Ryan Keller tries on a flight suit and oxygen mask while touring the 67th Fighter Squadron during a school visit April 1.

ARRIVAL: Captain Gyovai, 67th FS pilot, greets Anthony Raya (clockwise from front), 7, Eric Royal, 7, and J.W. Dowe, 8, as they arrive to tour the 67th Fighter Squadron April 1.

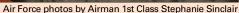
SURVIVAL: Senior Airman Brett Burchfield, 67th Fighter Squadron, shows the second graders a survival pack and parachute issued to pilots for routine missions.











18th LRS competes for AF award next week

(Clockwise from top) PERSONNEL ASSISTANCE: Staff Sgt. Candy Caines, 390th Intelligence Squadron, gets assistance from Senior Airmen Edward Love (left) and Edgar Lopez, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, while they issue chemical warfare defense equipment Tuesday.

AT A GLANCE: (Left to right) Airman Basic Wyllis Young, Airman 1st Class Eric Schafer, and Staff Sgt. Sean Garcia, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, review equipment account folders with Jun Nakasone, 18th LRS customer service.

SHELF LIFE: Staff Sgt. Tracey Baker, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron harzardous materials pharmacy NCO-incharge, pulls parts for customers.





Marine technicians pack up after four-month joint effort at Kadena

By 1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez 18th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen and Marines recently concluded a four-month jointcooperation effort that kept Kadena aircraft flying safely and was crucial to the success of tsunami relief operations in December.

Futenma-based Marines on April 1 disassembled a box-like tactical ground-based navigation system and its wide array of antennas, which was a temporary beacon for Kadena-bound aircraft as the base system underwent housing structure renovations.

"The Marines provided us with outstanding support during the entire project," said Capt. Anthony Chu, an airfield operations officer with 18th Operations Support Squadron. "From planning to execution, they were very responsive to our requests."

According to 1st Lt. Jim Jackson, also an 18th OSS airfield operations officer, the Marines set up a tactical air navigation system, better known as a TACAN, to fill in for Kadena's VHF omnidirectional range tactical aircraft control system, or VORTAC.

The lieutenant said the TACAN, a tactical version of the VORTAC, emanates radio beams that help aircraft navigate from one point to another.

"With this equipment, pilots

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Capt. Anthony Chu

18th OSS airfield operations officer

knew their specific location at all times," said Lieutenant Jackson.

Kadena also has a mobile TACAN, said Captain Chu, but the Marine version has more robust capabilities, including a reach beyond 50 nautical miles that allows for earlier recovery of fighter aircraft.

"We were lucky that Marine Air Control Squadron 4 was close by and had the equipment available for us," he said. "If the Marines had not helped out we would have reverted to using the Air Force mobile TACAN."

Support from the Marines came at an important time, as the base became critical for tsunami relief operations in late December following a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami that killed more than 250,000 people, primarily in Indonesia, Thailand, and Sri-

Lanka

"Kadena was a hub for Operation Unified Assistance missions," said Captain Chu. "And a number of those aircraft navigated using the TACAN."

Overall, approximately 105 military operations daily relied on the Marine TACAN since its installment in early December, said the captain.

"This is an example of how services can operate as a joint team for mutual benefit—as we often do here in Okinawa," said Captain Chu. "Marine and Navy aircraft operating out of Kadena also benefited from the Marine TACAN."

The Air Force was able to continue operational and training missions seamlessly, without losing any capability or degradation of air traffic effectiveness and safety, said the captain.

"Everything went smoothly and as planned," said Gunnery Sergeant Ian O'Toole, Kadena TACAN Detachment senior NCOIC, "We received great support from the Air Force...they were very professional."

As the day-to-day maintainers of the VORTAC, the 18th Communications Squadron also contributed greatly to the project.

"All of the credit for hosting the Marines goes to the 18th Communications Squadron," said Captain Chu.

Kadena captain court martialed for fraternization

On March 31, a captain from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron pled guilty at a special court-martial for fraternizing with three female enlisted Airmen and attempting to fraternize with a fourth female enlisted Airman.

The military judge sentenced the captain to a fine of \$15,000, a loss of \$1,200 in pay, 60 days restriction to the base, and a reprimand. In essence, the captain formed, or attempted to form, close personal and intimate relationships with each of the Airmen.

As established during the sentencing phase of the trial, the captain had been previously warned about his conduct through a previous Article 15 for fraternization on Dec. 29, 2003 with a punishment of a \$3,800 fine and a reprimand. The latter two instances of fraternization and attempted fraternization occurred after this punishment was imposed.

An airman basic from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron, was caught drunk (breath-alcohol of .106%) and drinking underage in a dormitory dayroom March 29. Two days later, the Airman pled guilty to the offenses and was sentenced by the military judge to 30 days confinement at a summary court-martial.

As established during the sentencing phase of the trial, the Airman had a significant disciplinary background. On Oct. 6, 2004, he was sentenced to 80 days confinement, reduced to E-1, and fined \$1,500 for an aggravated drunk and reckless driving incident, and underage drinking.

The Airman had also received an Article 15 on March 25 for drunk and disorderly conduct and underage drinking with a punishment of a \$600 fine and 60 days restriction to base. The Airman is currently at the Camp Hansen Brig.

 $(Courtesy\ of\ 18th\ Wing\ Judge\ Advocate)$



The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synop sis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspa pers

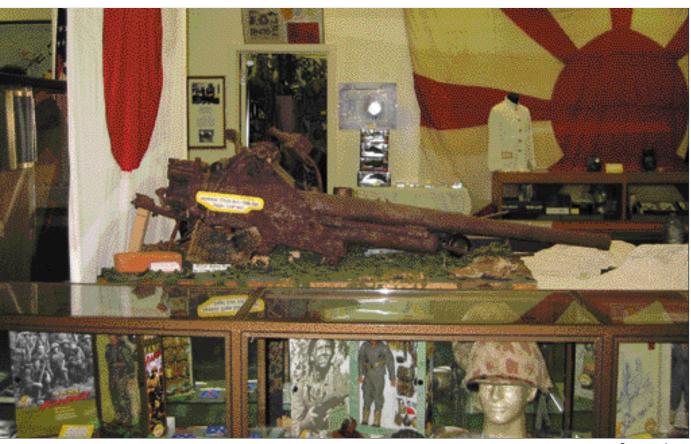
☐ A Kadena Airman was arrested earlier this week for allegedly violating Japan's Sword and Firearm Control Law. According to police reports, the Airman possessed a 2.8 inch blade when brought in for questioning regarding an alleged attempted theft. Japanese law bans all knives with blades longer than 2.4 inches.

☐ Kadena Town plans to renovate Kadena Rotary Circle near the north side of the base starting in mid-April. Town officials say traffic on Route 58 north will be rerouted in June and continue for approximately one year. The renovation project also plans to add new government offices, houses and parking lots, and is estimated to take two years to complete. \square More than 1,500 Marines assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit on Okinawa returned home after being deployed to Iraq for six months. Twenty helicopters also returned to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs asked U.S. military officials to maintain discipline among its members, while Okinawa Prefectural Police officials enforced patrols in areas around military bases.

☐ Japan's National Spring Safety Campaign started Wednesday and continues until April 15. As a result, traffic checkpoints have been set up throughout the island. According to OPP officials, 16 people have died this year from traffic related accidents - seven victims were over age 65 and five were pedestrians who failed to use a crosswalk at night.

☐ Japan and U.S. officials agreed to revise the Status Forces Agreement regarding aircraft accident jurisdiction during a meeting April 1. In the future, Japanese authorities will control the site of a U.S. military accident off base.

City, Gushikawa Ishikawa City, Katsuren Town and Yonashiro Town combined to form a new city called Uruma April 1. There are more than 115,000 residents in the consolidated city, which is now the third largest in Okinawa behind Naha and Okinawa City.

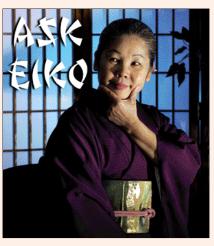


APRIL



Sixty years ago this month...

This month marks the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa fought during World War II. During the battle, more than 49,000 Americans were killed or wounded, while the Japanese Imperial Army suffered more than 110,000 casualties. More than 100,000 Okinawan civilians were also killed during the Pacific's bloodiest battle. Kadena Information, Tickets and Tours offers a Battle of Okinawa tour Saturday and April 24. The tour visits the Japanese Naval Underground Museum (above, left), Hacksaw Ridge and the Peace Prayer Park. For more information, call 634-4322.



" $Ask\ Eiko$ " is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family $support\ center's$ cultural awareness expert, EikoIshikawa. To sub mit a question, send an e-mail to: kaden ashogun. newspaper@kadena.af. mil with the sub iect line - ASK



: What is Pachinko and how do you play it?

: The pinball-like game of pachinko is extremely popular in Japan. The term "pachinko" comes from the Japanese word pachi-pachi, which represents the sound of the clicking of small objects or the crackling of fire.

While the origins of pachinko are unknown, it most likely descended from the "Corinth Game," an upright pinball-type machine that originated in Chicago, Ill.

The game appeared in Japan in the early 1920's and the first pachinko hall was opened in Osaka at about that time. Takeichi Masamura, who developed the arrangement of nails and pins that serve as the basis for most of today's machines, is often referred to as the father of pachinko. In the 1980's pachinko machines became computerized and sounds and moving graphics were added.

Pachinko is similar to pinball in that small steel balls are shot onto the playing surface where they bounce around and through a network of nails. To start playing, you insert money to purchase a number of balls that are dropped into a loading area. Unlike pinball, where some manipulation of the balls by the player is possible, once the pachinko balls are shot onto the playing surface it basically becomes a game of chance. The pachinko player can only control the speed of the launch of the balls.

On older machines, you launch the balls by pulling a handle-like, spring-loaded knob, which releases a single ball and projects it to the top of the machine. Modern machines use a push button and many of them can be set to automatically launch the balls in a steady stream with no action by the player. The object of the game is to have the balls fall into winning pockets. Most of the balls will fall unsuccessfully through the pins to the bottom, but some will fall into the winning pockets that release additional balls into the player's launch area. Some machines have winning pockets that activate a digital slot machine which rewards players with a set number of balls for the alignment of the symbols on the spinning reels. When finished, excess balls can be "cashed in" where the number of balls earns a specific prize.

In Japan you must be at least 18-years-old to play. Both inside and out, pachinko parlors use lights, noise, and other arrangements to attract players. Nearly all pachinko parlors have snack bars and some have restaurants. Some provide such amenities as refrigerated lockers so housewives can store their food from shopping while they play. A few even offer childcare facilities. The most recent data I could find claims Japan has over 17,000 pachinko parlors with more than 4 million machines. As a comparison, there are estimated to be less than 1 million slot machines in the United States, More than 30 million people play pachinko each year, spending more than \$300 billion.

Just as there is a dark side to American casinos, there is a dark side to pachinko. It is a form of gambling, and allegedly the prizes won playing pachinko can be converted to cash if one knows where to go. Like any form of gambling, it can also be very addictive to some people and fortunes have been lost, careers destroyed, and families torn apart by the addiction.

If you want to experience something different, visit a pachinko parlor and give it a try. Enjoy the sights and sounds and the experience, but be wary of the dark side.

GOT AN OPINION? CALL US AT 634-5665 TO GET IT IN PRINT

Today

SPRINGBREAKAT OKUMA: Participate in Okuma's free events until April 17 for games, contests and entertainment from $8\ a.m.$ with music starting at $9\ p.m.$ Events include a sand sculpture team creating sand art from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; a giant slide and rock climbing wall starting at 10 a.m.; a trike race from 10 to a.m.; a jump rope contest from 2 to 4 p.m.; ovie night from 8 to 10 p.m. and a live perfornce by Stormwatch from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

BALLROOM DANCE: Join the Schilling

enter from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for

BATH HOUSE TOUR: Call ITT at 634-

MINI-MASTERS GOLF TOURNEY:

Enter by Tuesday for the Banyan Tree Golf Course mini-masters golf tournament held April 9-10 for \$20 to celebrate all 18 greens being open. Call 634-3900 for more details.

THUNDER BOWL: Join Emery Lanes

for loud music and flashing lights while bowl-

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ART CON-TEST: DoDDs students grades kindergarten through eigth are invited to design a cover for Special Olympics 2005. Entries will be accepted until April 30. Call 634-5078 for more infor

YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join the Girls Club week, and youth members ages 6 to 8 can enjoy free ice cream from 7 to 9 p.m. while making a "Marvelous Members Banner."

Call 634-0500 for more details.

DJ CLUB: Learn the art of being a DJ from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Teen Center Millennium. Call 634-3866 for more information.

KUMON MATH: Youth ages 5 to 18 can

learn how to excel in math and develop superi-or study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387

DEJA VU FRIDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a variety mix with the Doctor from 5 to 9 p.m. followed by variety themes

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Flashback Friday with CNote from 5 to 10 p.m. followed by Top 40 Virus.

Saturday

PO' FOLKS MOVIE NIGHT: Join the Schilling Community Center for a free comedy movie starting at 7 p.m. in the ballroom, and free popcorn and drinks monthly on and off-payday weekend. Open to all active duty Air

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p.m.

COLORAMA TOURNEY: Bowl certain color pin combinations for a chance to win cash and prizes at Emery Lanes. Sign-ups begin at 6 p.m.; bowling starts at 7 p.m.

BINGO: Join the Schilling Community

Center for 10 exciting games and lots of terrific prizes for the whole family. Cards go on sale at

YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join the YOUTH ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join the Kadena Youth Center for National Boys and Girls Club week, and youth members ages 9 to 12 can enjoy free ice cream from 7 to 10 p.m. while making a "Marvelous Members Banner." Call 634-0500 for more details.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call 634-1387 for more details.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Top 40 Variety from 9

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Butler Theater

Boogeyman, PG-13, 7 p.m

Top military priest speaks at National Prayer Luncheon



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Towe

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien speaks to Team Kadena during the National Prayer Luncheon at the Rocker NCO Club Tuesday. More than 200 Kadena members listened as the Archbishop spoke on military life and praised its culture of generosity and service. He also expressed Pope John Paul II's belief that all people can achieve holiness, regardless of religious affiliation. During the luncheon, verses were read from the Quran, the Torah and the New Testament. The Archbishop is the head Catholic priest of all the military branches, which includes a community of over 1.5 million Catholic military members. He visited Kadena and other Okinawa military bases for four days while on a tour of Guam, Singapore, Korea, and mainland Japan.

p.m. until closing in the lounge

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banya Club for Kickin' it Country and R&B Dance Hits from 8 p.m. to close.

MINIATURE WAR-GAMING: Join the fun as miniature war-gamers gather to compete in an assortment of tabletop battles from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community

MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING

CLASS: Learn the art of patchwork quilting and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

LIVE PERFORMANCE: Join the Offi-

cers Club for Handsome Stranger live at the Weekender Lounge from 8 p.m. to midnight. Call **634-3663** for more details.

Sunday

SPRINGBREAKAT OKUMA: Participate in Okuma's free events until April 17 for games, contests and entertainment. Events include a sand sculpture team creating sand art from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; a sand sculpting contest from 10 a.m. to noon; a hula hoop contest from 2 to 4 p.m.; a DJ from 8 to 10 p.m.; and movie night from 8 to 10 p.m.

OCEAN OBSERVATORY TOUR: Call ITT at 6344322 for more information. SPRINGBREAKAT OKUMA: Partic-

EARTH FEST 2005: Sign up at the Schilling Community Center for a special Earth Day Talent Contest

RENT-A-LANE BOWL-ING: Up to five bowlers can rent a lane at Emery Lanes for \$15 and bowl for 3 hours from 8

a.m. to 11 p.m.

FAMILY BOWLING

DAY: Join Emery Lanes for a
dollar a game when parents
and children bowl together from
8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A three-game

SHURI CASTLE AND SHIKINA-EN-TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322 for more infor-

PLANET VIBE SUN-DAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Jazz with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Top 40 hits until closing.

Monday

SPRING BREAK AT OKUMA: Participate in Okuma's free events until April 17 for games, contests and entertainment. Events include a sand sculpture team creating and art from 8 a m to 5 n m: a sand art from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; a sack race from 10 a.m. to noon;

a volleyball tournament from 2 to 4 p.m.; a nd from 7 to 9 p.m.: movie night from 8 to 10 p.m.

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CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration and have your next birthday cake go from boring to brilliant from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**

ROCKER: Join the Rocker NCO Club for nd the Clock with CNote from 7 to

OKINAWA WORLD TOUR: Call ITT at

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SPRINGBREAKAT OKUMA: Participate in Okuma's free events until April 17 for games, contests and entertainment. Events include a sand sculpture team creating sand art from 8 a.m. to $\,$ 5 p.m.; a three-legged race from $\,$ 10 a.m. to noon; a wakeboard demonstration from noon to 1 p.m.; musical chairs from 2 night from 8 to 10 p.m to 4 p.m.; and movie night from 8 to 10 p.m.

KARAOKE CONTEST: Join the Rocker

KARAOKE CONTEST: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a karaoke contest for club members only from 9 to 11 p.m. in the lounge. Each week two winners will be selected to compete in the grand final April 30 for a grand prize of \$500. Weekly winners will receive \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Call 634-0740 for more information.

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Wednesday

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DRAW A PRICE DAY: Draw a ping pong ball out of a jar after you complete your bowling and the price indicated on the ball is what you'll pay for each game bowled at Emery Lanes from 8 to 11 a.m. Prices vary from a quarter to a dollar.

MONA KIDS JUNGLE TOUR:

BANYAN MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: Adult club members can enjoy a free buf-fet from 5 to 7 p.m. and entertainment, nes and prizes until 9 p.m. at the

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan e Club for Request Night from 7 to 11

DEEP GROOVE WEDNESDAYS:
Join the Rocker NCO Club for jazz with
DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by
Old School with the Doctor until closing.

Thursday

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JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Bring

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BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Fired Up Country with DJ TNT from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. SPRING ICE SKATING TOUR: Call

ITT at 634-4322 for more details

RUB-A-DUB REGGAE THURSDAYS:

Join the Rocker NCO Club for reggae with D. Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Ladie Night with DJ RobSki until closing.

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Catholic

▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
 ▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
 Sunday : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
 Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Protestant

Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m

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▲ Sunday : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 and 10:45 a.m.
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bidg. 326 & 327, 10:45 a.m.

▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.

▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486

▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027

▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219







Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

Irvin Nufio (#11), a Kadena Falcon from Detachment 3, 25 Information Operations Squadron, manuevers to block the ball from the Foster Coronas during the Kadena Cup championship soccer game Sunday.

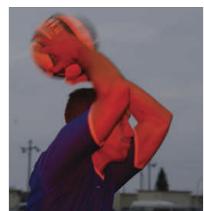


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Jhon Arango (#2), a Kadena Falcon and 18th Component Maintenance Squadron avionics technician, dribbles the ball past Foster teammates during the championship game Sunday. Eight teams from across the Pacific participated in the three-day tournament.

TOSS: A.J. Larose, a Kadena Falcon and executive officer for the 18th Wing vice commander, throws the ball into play during a game against the Osan Mustangs Friday.

CELEBRATION: The Foster Coronas do a victory dance after their win against the Kadena Falcons 1-0



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sincla



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Edward Herrera, a Camp Foster Combat Assault Battalion utilities officer, lines up a pass for his teammates during the championship game against Kadena Sunday.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 5K FUN RUN/WALK

April 16

Don't miss out on an opportunity to run or walk to help make a difference in the lives of people with special needs April 16 by participating in a 5k Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. at the Risner Fitness Center. Register at 8 a.m. with an entry fee of \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Kadena Special Olympics.

EARTH DAY 5K FUN RUN/WALK

April 23

Participate in the Earth Day 5k Fun Run/Walk at 11 a.m. April 23 at the Risner Fitness Center. Participants must register by 10:45 a.m.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

June 18

The Kadena Special Olympics is one of the top intercultural programs hosted by the 18th Wing involving many mentally and physically challenged athletes and their families. Since the majority of athletes are from local Okinawan schools and welfare workshops, the Special Olympics Committee needs many interpreters on the day of the event. Interpreters will be tasked to escort the athletes and families to each venue, assist in serving lunch, explain the rules of the games, and cheer on the athletes during events. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about the event, contact Chiemi Karimata, 18th Services Squadron, at 634-1197 or 090-9781-7552.

DRAGON BOAT RACERS NFFDFD

May 5

Kadena volunteers are needed to form a men's and women's team for the Naha Dragon Boat Races May 5. Team members must be Air Force active-duty, Guard or Reserve members, Department of Defense civilian employees, or Status of Forces Agreement family members over the age of 18. For sign-up information or any questions, e-mail tanya@oasis.mediatti.net or call Tanya Freeman at 633-5042.